

Quid Novi

THE MCGILL UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW NEWSLETTER

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Administrative

NEW L.U.S. EXECUTIVE AS OF TODAY, APRIL 1:

Campbell Stuart
Joanie Vance
Marek Nitoslowski
Jacques Nadeau
Dan Barker

NEW FACULTY COUNCIL REP.:

Helena Lamed

WANTED

Students to sit on the following Faculty Council committees:

Curriculum-----3 students
Exam -----2 students
Admissions-----2 students
Scholarships-----1 student
Library-----1 student
Staff Appointments-----1 student
Promotions and Renewal-----1 student

Our role on Faculty Council committees is crucial to the continuing improvement of the academic environment, and we urge everyone who wants improvement to come forward. Important changes are being made and you will be providing much of the material that Faculty Council will be considering next year. We need people from all years and all points of view.

How to apply? Make an appointment for an interview by filling in your name on the appropriate committee schedule in S.A.O.

The following committees and positions may also be applied for at S.A.O.:

Social Committee-----4 students
Ombudsperson-----1 student
Quid Novi-----2 students
Sports Rep-----1 student

The McGill Law Journal is holding its annual book sale between March 26 and April 5. D.L.R. and W.W.R. are available at very low cost. Also on sale are books on various subjects such as medical law, human rights... Reduction varies from 50% to 80%, so buy now.

This week's Quid Novi is the final issue of the year. I would like to thank everybody who helped in the making of this weekly newsletter; a special thank you to Dean Brierley, Cliff Rand, Brian Rennie and finally but not the least, Bora, for their weekly contributions. People who have suggestions for next year's Quid Novi, are invited to hand them in to the L.U.S. office.

L'éditeur:

Paul Beaubien

A LETTER FROM THE OUTGOING EXECUTIVE

Today, April Fool's day, is when the new Executive takes over. It is also the traditional time for the outgoing Executive to evaluate its year. A lot of changes have taken place this year as a result of the combined efforts of many people:

Course Evaluations: We now have the only faculty-published course evaluations in the University. This means not only that the results are available to students but in addition they are used as one of the criteria in the granting of promotions and tenure.

Cafeteria: Though the new system is not without its problems, it represents a significant improvement over past food services in the Faculty. It is hoped that further changes, such as real coffee, are forthcoming.

Bookstore: We are now the only Faculty on campus to have its own student co-op bookstore and this has meant an overall saving to students of \$40,000 per year.

Lights in the Classrooms: For the first time, we are able to see in our classrooms.

Quid Novi: Under the editorship of Paul Beaubien, Quid Novi has grown into a major source of information, independent of the L.U.S. Executive.

Board of Student Advisers: This new experiment which comes up for review before Faculty Council tomorrow, has greatly improved the concept of the Tutorial program.

Extra-Curricular Credits: Faculty Council approved the awarding of credits for participants in all extra-curricular moots as well as for the civil law/common law exchange program.

Curriculum: Last week, the long-awaited rationalization of the National Program was approved by Faculty Council. This means greater choice in course selection for all students in the National Program. In addition, civil law students have had their course options significantly increased. We are particularly pleased with these changes.

For most of us on the Executive, the year has been a rewarding experience. We would like to thank the student body for its support and particularly those students who sat on Faculty Council and Executive Committees.

Yours Faithfully,

Clifford Rand
Andy Etcovitch
Mitch Wigdor
Heather Sanderson
Michele Belzile

☒ CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE

On Friday, April 3, 1981 there will be a constitutional conference held in the Moot Court from 1:00 to 5:30 pm.

Social

**** SPRING PARTY****

Students and Faculty members are cordially invited to celebrate the end of classes and the beginning of Spring Friday, April 3rd at 8:00 P.M in the Union Ballroom.

Our traditional "Bonnes Vacances" party will be held May 1st (same place, same time). Thanks for showing up to this year's Social events, it was fun organizing them!

Vonnie Eng and Renée Vézina

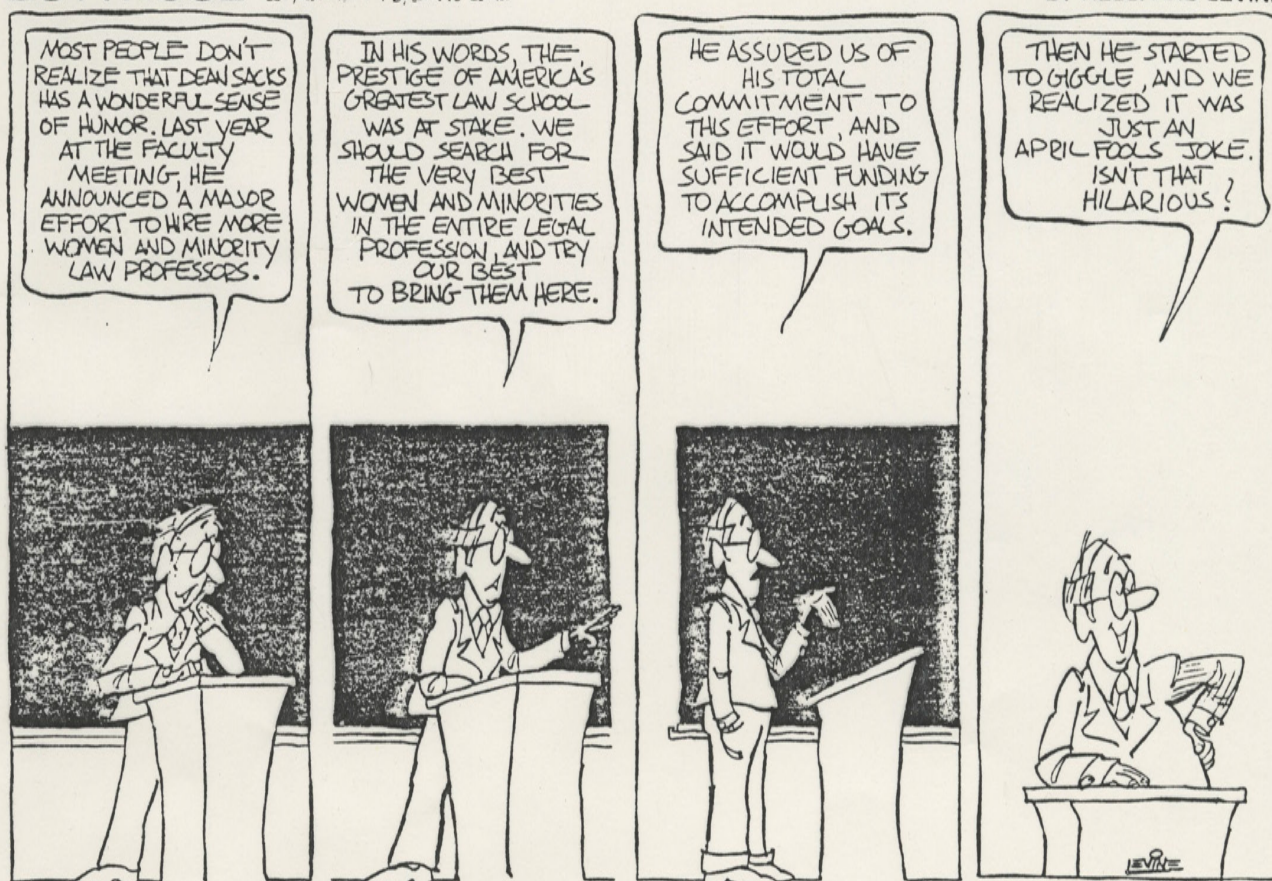
COURT RULES AGAINST FREE TOUPEES

In a precedent-setting case the Federal Social Court in Kassel (Hesse) recently ruled that health insurance funds are not required to pay for toupees. In the test case initiated by the German Trade Union Association (DGB), a 54 year-old doorman claimed that because incipient baldness was inducing depression, the cost of the toupee should qualify as a medical claim. A Social Court in Heilbronn and the Baden-Wuerttemberg Land (State) Social Court had already rejected the argument and recommended a hat instead of a toupee. Hats, being items of everyday apparel, do not qualify as medical claims. The Federal Court in Kassel upheld the lower courts' rulings. Women, on the other hand, can charge their insurers for a wig if hair loss is disfiguring.

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BY KELLY AND LEVINE



DEAR BORA,

I am a woman graduating from the National Program in a couple of months. I have applied for jobs in both Ontario and Quebec and have received a few offers from both provinces. However I have been surprized that the salaries I have been offered have not been very generous. All through my life I have been told that lawyers make a comfortable living and now I find that I will not be able to afford a home of my own. Do you have any suggestions as to where I might be better able to buy a house, or earn a more substantial wage?

Signed,

Corrine

Dear Corrine,

I have only one modest proposal. Before making any final decision I would wait until after the Quebec general election. If the Parti Quebecois is elected then you can hang your degrees on the wall, marry the man you came to law school to find, and borrow money to buy a house. If you have lots of children and stay at home the government will finance your house as you secure the future of the French culture.

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Don't worry about it. When you get out of law school your friends will stop stabbing you in the back, but beware of the Ides of March.